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# H. R. 110

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 1997

Mr. CLEMENT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on House Oversight

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## A BILL

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ban soft money in elections for Federal office, and for  
other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Campaign Truth and  
5       Fairness Act of 1997”.

6       **SEC. 2. BAN ON SOFT MONEY IN ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL**  
7       **OFFICE.**

8       Section 301 of the Federal Election Campaign Act  
9       of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (8), by  
 2 striking out “include—” in the matter before clause  
 3 (i) and all that follows through the end of the sub-  
 4 paragraph, and inserting in lieu thereof “include the  
 5 value of services provided without compensation by  
 6 any individual who volunteers on behalf of a can-  
 7 didate or political committee.”;

8 (2) by striking out paragraph (9)(B);

9 (3) by redesignating paragraph (9)(A) as para-  
 10 graph (9); and

11 (4) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) of para-  
 12 graph (9), as so redesignated by paragraph (3) of  
 13 this subsection, as subparagraphs (A) and (B), re-  
 14 spectively.

15 **SEC. 3. EQUALIZATION OF MULTICANDIDATE POLITICAL**  
 16 **COMMITTEE CANDIDATE CONTRIBUTION**  
 17 **LIMITATION WITH LIMITATION APPLICABLE**  
 18 **TO OTHER PERSONS.**

19 (a) PERSONS GENERALLY.—Section 315(a)(1)(A) of  
 20 the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C.  
 21 441a(a)(1)(A)) is amended by striking out “\$1,000” and  
 22 inserting in lieu thereof “\$2,500”.

23 (b) MULTICANDIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEES.—  
 24 Section 315(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Election Campaign  
 25 Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(2)(A)) is amended by

1 striking out “\$5,000” and inserting in lieu thereof  
2 “\$2,500”.

3 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY**  
4 **CANDIDATES IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-**  
5 **TIVES ELECTIONS.**

6 Section 315 of the Federal Election Campaign Act  
7 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a) is amended by adding at the end  
8 the following new subsection:

9 “(i) A candidate for the office of Representative in,  
10 or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress  
11 may not make contributions of more than \$100,000 to the  
12 campaign of the candidate with respect to an election  
13 cycle. As used in this subsection, the term ‘election cycle’  
14 means, with respect to a candidate, the period beginning  
15 on the day after the date of the most recent general elec-  
16 tion for the office involved and ending on the date of the  
17 next general election for such office.”.

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